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## **REMARKS**

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Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested. Claim 1 is amended.

## Objection to Claim 1

The Office Action objects to claim 1 because the acronym DSE needs to be written out, at least in the first appearance in the claims. Applicants have amended claim 1 to address this issue and request withdrawal of this objection.

## **Double-Patenting Rejections**

The Office Action rejects claim 1-26 provisionally on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,718,507. The enclosed Terminal Disclaimer addresses the double patenting rejection. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are allowable.

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## **CONCLUSION**

Having addressed all rejections and objections, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner for Patents is authorized to charge or credit the Novak, Druce & Quigg, LLP, Account No. 14-1437 for any deficiency or overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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